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Title: PRODUCTION OF A DIRECTLY COMPRESSIBLE TABLETTING AID

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to calculating the national fee, and prior to examination in the National Phase of the above-identified International application, please amend this application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 3 and 4, line 2: Change "either of Claims 1 or 2" to -- Claim 1 --.  
Claim 5, line 2: Change "any of Claims 1 to 4" to -- Claim 1 --.  
Claim 9, line 2: Change "any of Claims 1 to 8" to -- Claim 1 --.  
Claims 10 and 11, line 2: Change "any of Claims 1 to 9" to -- Claim 1 --.  
Claims 12 and 13, line 3: Change "any of Claims 1 to 9" to -- Claim 1 --.  
Claim 15, lines 1 and 2: Change "either of Claims 13 or 14" to -- Claim 13 --.  
Claim 16, lines 1 and 2: Change "any of Claims 13 to 15" to -- Claim 13 --.

Remarks

The purpose of this Preliminary Amendment is to eliminate the multiple dependency of the claims in order to avoid the additional fee.

Respectfully submitted,

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